

**PLUMBERS' EXAMINING BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Date: February 12, 2014

Meeting Location: Central Conference Room, State of Maine - Gardiner Annex, Northern Avenue,  
Gardiner, Maine

Time Meeting Began: 9:03 a.m.

**Roll Call of Officers:**

The following members were present:

Percy Brown, Jr., Chairman

Lawrence Kent

William Longley, Jr.

The following members were absent:

Lawrence Dempsey

Staff Present:

Catherine Carroll, Board Administrator

Dana Tuttle, Senior Inspector

Vickey Gray, Board Clerk

AAG Present:

Christopher Mann

**Call to Order and Welcome**

Percy Brown called the Plumbers' Examining Board to order and welcomed all in attendance.

**Board Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the December 11, 2013 meeting.

Motion: Lawrence Kent  
Second: William Longley, Jr.  
Unanimous

**New Business:**

**Election of Officers**

A motion was made to nominate Percy Brown, Jr. as board chair.

Motion: William Longley, Jr.  
Second: Lawrence Kent  
Unanimous

**2013-PLU-9532-** This complaint was not presented.

### **Administrator's Report**

Catherine Carroll updated members on the Prometric test development and the veterans licensing fair.

The members were informed that Gov Delivery will be offered on the Plumbers' Examining Board website in the near future and that license renewal reminders are only being sent via email.

Catherine reported that staff had received congratulations from the Governor's office for the success in assisting a veteran in becoming licensed and qualified for examination.

### **Senior Inspector's Report**

Dana Tuttle reported that he's been busy reviewing the Prometric exams and the Bathfitter's complaint, working with water treatment companies to get their employees licensed as necessary, visiting plumbing programs at various community colleges and judging plumbing competitions.

Dana reported that he has been conducting LPI training and that more plumbing training needs to occur.

Dana reported that the Plumbers' Examining Board is again a member of IAPMO and that he is now on the IAPMO Answers and Analysis Committee.

Dana asked the members if the board is looking to update to the 2015 UPC code. Gordon McEwen from IAPMO offered to supply the board with copies of a document that highlights the changes between the 2009 and 2012 codes and the 2012 and 2015 codes when it is available.

### **Other Business**

#### **David Pinkham – Request for extension of payment of fine**

A motion was made to grant the request for extension of time to pay the fine until 10/31/14.

Motion: William Longley, Jr.

Second: Percy Brown, Jr.

Unanimous

**Public Health Solutions, PLLC** – Chair Percy Brown continued the informal discussion that began at the last meeting on December 11, 2013, when Russell Martin of Public Health Solutions, PLLC presented information to the Board on an internal (indoor) wastewater disposal system, and sought acknowledgment from the Board that these installations meet the internal plumbing code, as adopted. Since the initial discussion, Chair Brown researched sewage gas emissions from wastewater disposal systems and expressed his concerns (based upon the information presented by Mr. Martin to date and the information he was able to find online) with the potential dangers presented to those residing under the same roof with an internal sewage disposal system. He also concluded that this system needs to go through the appropriate testing and certification process, before the Board could consider approving the system for use in Maine. (Once approved by the Board, rulemaking would have to take place to modify the adopted code). Dana Tuttle stated his opinion that that these systems can be installed externally (outdoors), but not indoors. Additionally, this system is not listed for use as an internal plumbing fixture. Dana stated that this system cannot be installed indoors, until and unless it is tested by the manufacturer, listed and complemented with appropriate installation instructions. Dana Tuttle opined that he saw no reason why the authority having jurisdictions could not approve the system, at their discretion. Mr. Martin explained the IAPMO listing process and characterized it as cumbersome, expensive and not necessary in this matter. Mr. Martin further stated that DHHS did not believe that this system conflicts with Maine's internal plumbing code. Mr. Martin expressed disappointment that reports from Dana Tuttle and the representative from IAPMO, on code interpretation of the UPC for these systems, were not prepared for this discussion, as Mr. Martin had earlier assumed would be. In that regard, Chair Brown advised Mr. Martin that the Board had no obligation to prepare reports, and that such task instead, was Mr. Martin's responsibility.

A motion was made to take no action on the request to approve these systems as designated internal plumbing fixtures, under the Maine State Plumbing Code, until this system is listed and certified under the IAPMO.

Motion: William Longley, Jr.  
Second: Lawrence Kent  
Unanimous

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:37AM.

*Respectfully submitted,*

Vickey Gray  
Board Clerk